



Cowbell – October 2, 2017

Present:

Coffin, Alex	Lockhart, Robert	Monahan, Tina	Vail, Shelley
Cummings, Angela	Lowe, Harold	Savidant, Mark	Wilson, Rhoda
Kearley, Paul	Matthews, Julie	Short, Bob	
Kimball, Robert Jr.	McNair, Mary	Thorne, Jason	

Absent:

Alexander, Alaina	Fuller, Jeff	Keith, Greg	Tremblett, Robert
Black, Bob	Gilchrist, Donna	Lockhart, Alaina	Wallace, Tracey
Brown, Lisa	Haynes, Rhonda	Matheson, Cecile	Warner, Brenna
Cameron, Josh	Homenick, Erik	McNamara, Lou	White, Matt
Dow, Don	Hyslop, Blair	Moffett, Christine	
Driscoll, Robert	Ingersoll, Don	Northrup, Bruce	
DuBois, Cindy	Keith, Ed	Smyth, Ian	

Social Media Check-in – Robert Kimball

Chair – Paul Kearley

Rotary Minute – Julie Matthews presented a well-researched “minute” about Rotary International’s involvement in education – including literacy for children and adults, building schools in developing countries, and providing clean drinking water for schools.

Introduction – Jason Thorne introduced Mary Ann Gallagher who is presently the Regional Manager for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island at Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. Mary Ann is a graduate of Saint Mary’s University and has previous work experience at Bell Aliant, Irving Oil, and Benjamin’s Books – an Independent Children’s Bookstore.

Speaker – Mary Ann Gallagher gave a very informative talk about Jumpstart which is a charity that assists financially disadvantaged kids and helps them to participate in organized sport and recreation. Information is kept confidential but this Charity requests income statements from families in order to assess need. An individual may apply for a \$300-grant twice per year. This charity also receives requests from communities who are attempting to run an organized sport but families are unable to cover the entire cost of the sport.

Since 2005, \$127,761,480 has been donated Jumpstart in Canada. In Sussex last year \$27,995 was given to 142 kids. Presently the overall ratio is 63% boys and 37% girls. The breakdown of ages is as follows:

4 - 8 year olds	26%
9 - 13 year olds	53%
14 – 18 year olds	22%

The top sports that are supported are hockey, skating, sledge hockey, soccer, and sport camp.

Thanker – Jason Thorne thanked Mary Ann for her work and for her support.

Volunteer Hours - Bob Short will be working on tracking volunteer hours for the Sussex Rotary Club. This is a follow through on the District Governor’s suggestion that Clubs should be collecting this information. Volunteer hours are the responsibility of the individual or it can be submitted by one person for an entire committee. Bob’s email is robert_a_short@hotmail.com

Breakfast Clubs – Don Ingersoll will be serving at Middle School on Wednesday; and Josh Cameron will be serving Sussex Elementary on Friday.

Thank You Letter from Damien Brown –

To the Rotary Club of Sussex

This letter is to extend my gratitude for your generosity. I am doubtfully honored to receive this scholarship which will go to good use paying for my education and helping me achieve my very expensive dream of becoming an engineer!

In return for this reward, I promise to continue my service with Rotary as I plan to join the Roteract group in Toronto. Rotary offered me my first real opportunity to give back to my community, with Interact, and I'm forever grateful for that. It made me realize that volunteering could actually be fun and making friends could never be easier. Rotary has helped me with gaining confidence and allowed me to make tons of connections ranging from B.C., all the way to Germany. My experience in Rotary so far has been amazing.

Once again, I cordially thank Rotary and everyone who had to do with me receiving this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Damon Brown

Conferences

- Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) – Truro, October 28, 2017.
- RI International, Toronto from June 23 – 27, 2018

T-Shirts – Purchase – Robert Kimball is getting a few sample sizes to bring to the Club.

Chase the Joker – Julie Matthew's ticket was drawn but still no joker. The pot is \$87.

Meeting – Monday, October 16, 2107, Business Meeting

Chair – Lisa; Minute – Blair

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson